

## PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**T**own Planning Department approvals for new development since April 1 2004 through August 1 2004, include the following: one new residence, nine additions, four pools and eight landscape screening/hardscape plans approved through the Fast Track review process.

The Planning Commission reviewed three amended conditional use permits including one for the new Town Hall and one for the Packard Foundation property.



*Planning Director Carl Cahill*

The Commission reviewed the Town's fence ordinance and forwarded its recommendations to the City Council. New standards were established for driveway gates and fencing for conservation easements. The fence ordinance requires that property owners first obtain a permit from the Planning Department for all new fence and fence replacement projects. Fences that block views, result in the removal of existing vegetation or adversely impact neighbors will be referred to the Planning Commission for review.

The Commission also reviewed the possibility of establishing an ordinance that would require new landscape plans to meet certain water conservation standards. However, the Planning Commission heard testimony that such ordinances are not effective tools for reducing water consumption. The Planning Commission directed staff to update the Town's Landscape Guidelines with additional information intended to assist residents in reducing their landscaping water usage.

*—Carl Cahill, Planning Director*

## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

### RESIDENTS MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC — TOGETHER

**A**t the Groundbreaking Ceremony on July 15th, over 90 residents joined together with the city council to celebrate the New Town Hall groundbreaking. As part of the ceremony, we invited Janet Hayton, from the Santa Clara County Fire Academy to sing. As she began to sing, the entire crowd spontaneously chimed in to sing America the Beautiful and God Bless America. It was very moving to have our residents make such beautiful music together - a truly positive sign of the future. WeiWei Liu, our Youth Commissioner who chaired the event provided the right tone in her remarks stating "our generation looks to the future in Los Altos Hills."



The Community Donor Wall project is fulfilling its role as the "mascot" of the New Town Hall. The wall has captivated the imagination of over 250 residents who have donated tiles. They will leave their stamp on the Town for future generations to enjoy.

For those who have not yet donated, you still have time until the end of the year. Don't miss out on this great public art event. Contact me at [duffy@duffysmail.com](mailto:duffy@duffysmail.com) or call 948-0596 for information. Remember, all donations are tax deductible.

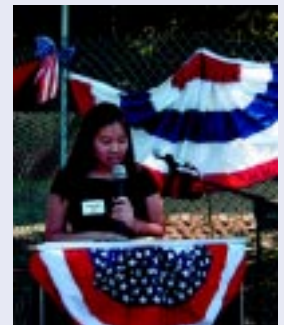
Sincerely,  
*Duffy Price*

## Groundbreaking Ceremony for New Town Hall

**O**ver 90 residents attended the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the New Town Hall on July 15, 2004 on the site of the new building. WeiWei Lui, our Youth Commissioner chaired the event that was titled: "Los Altos Hills Looks to the Future."

The ceremony was kicked-off by a musical offering from Janet Hayton, representing the Santa Clara County Fire Academy. Attendees joined in the singing of God Bless America and America the Beautiful. Following speeches by the mayor, former mayor and chair of the New Town Hall Committee, and greetings from the offices of State Senator Byron Sher and Supervisor Liz Kniss. The five members of the city council and John Radford, Honorary Donor Wall Committee member used gold colored ribbon-tied shovels provided by TBI, Inc. to perform the ritual of ground breaking.

Hot dogs and refreshments were provided by the Community Relations Committee were enjoyed by all of the attendees. (Special thanks to John Harpootlian for cooking the hot dogs and red hots, Barbara Lamparter for the refreshments and Barbara Mordo for providing chairs and cleanup.) The building of the New Town Hall is now underway. The city council expects to keep the costs within the \$3.7 million dollar amount allocated. (Using the multiple prime methods for subcontracts, costs have been reduced for the foundation and excavation by extending the bidding process.)



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